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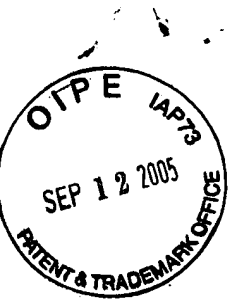
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **August 9, 2005**.

The Examiner requires that claims of either Group I (claims 1-5, drawn to a process for production of hydrocarbons by the Fischer-Tropsch process) or Group II (claims 6-9, drawn to a chemical plant for production of liquid hydrocarbons) be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a process for production of hydrocarbons by the Fischer-Tropsch process). This election is made with traverse.

Applicants submit that the process of claim 1 and the apparatus of claim 6 share corresponding special technical features, as required by PCT Rule 13.2. In particular, claim 1 requires the steps of

- e) combusting at least a part of said tail gas to produce a combustion gas, and
- f) using said combustion gas to drive a turbine, thereby to produce power from said turbine.

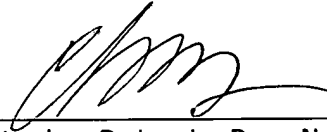
Claim 6 recites an apparatus having:

- g) gas turbine apparatus comprising an air compressor, a combustion chamber and a turbine unit, and

- h) means for transferring at least a portion of said tail gas to the combustion chamber of said gas turbine.

Applicants submit that the steps of compression and combustion of the tail gas using a gas turbine are corresponding special technical features shared between these claims and that therefore the requirement for restriction is traversed. Applicants note that this application was found to not lack unity of invention under PCT Rule 13 by the international search/examination authority during the international stage of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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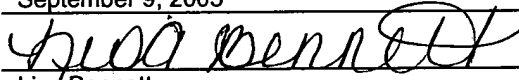
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